

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 457

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bishop Roy A. Holmes
for his meritorious service to the members of the
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body should honor those religious leaders who, during a lifetime of hard work and diligence, have served the spiritual needs of their community with distinction; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy religious leader is Bishop Roy A. Holmes, who presides with the utmost probity and integrity over the Midwest Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, which includes: Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Central Africa; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Holmes is a truly inspirational leader who works assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was elected the ninety-second bishop in the line of session of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at the 49th General Conference in 2004, and he has served with tremendous zeal, dedication, and faith in this important office; and

WHEREAS, born in Greenwood, Mississippi, he was ordained as a deacon in the church in 1967 and later became an elder in 1970; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Morris Brown College and Hood Theological Seminary, he received his Doctor of Ministries degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Holmes is known for his solid Christian belief, his service and love, and his role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to his community and church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Holmes is deeply devoted to his family, always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order, and he is most appreciative of the love and

companionship he has shared with his wife, Lovetta J. Holmes, their two children, and their one grandchild; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service as Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, he has led with the highest principles of Christianity, and he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his congregation and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize and commend the bountiful life of this exceptional spiritual leader whose achievements and contributions to the well-being of the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church are a shining example of all that is good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Bishop Roy A. Holmes for his meritorious service to the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, applaud his walk with the Lord, and extend to him our best wishes in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.